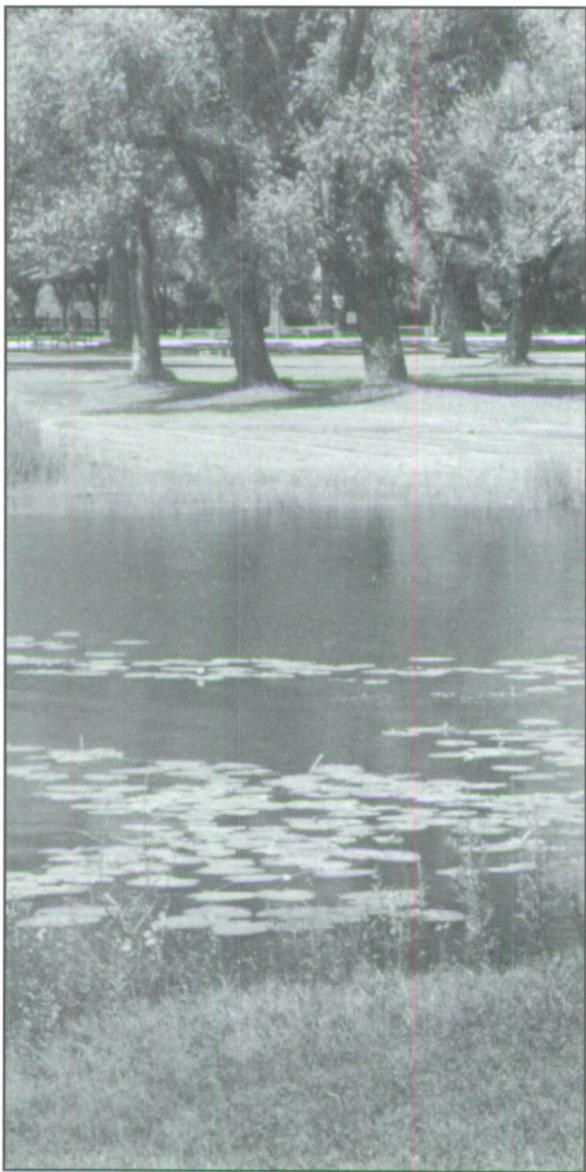


William W. Powers

STATE FISH & WILDLIFE AREA



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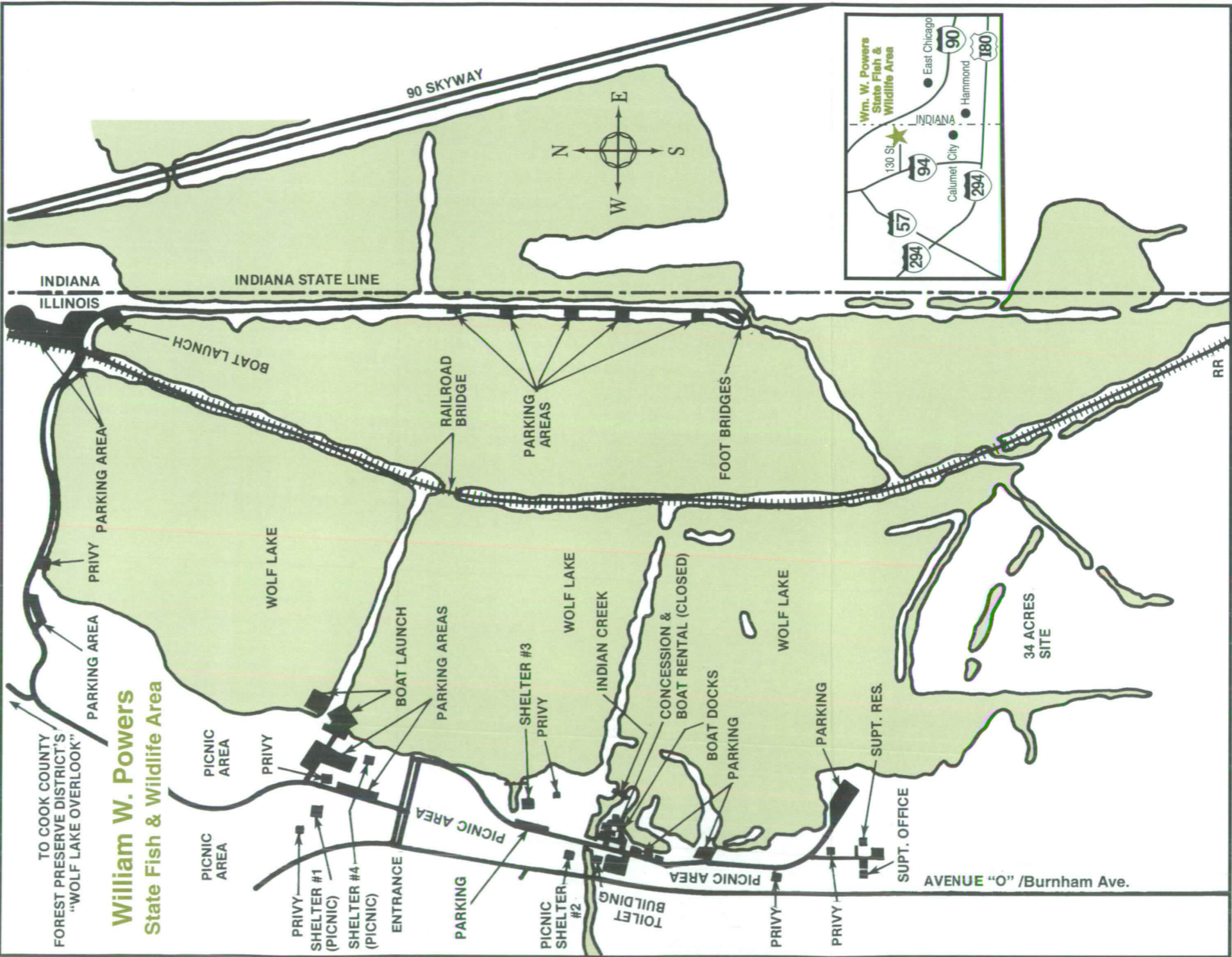
The Area

Located on Chicago's far southeast side off Interstate highways 94 and 90, the William W. Powers State Fish and Wildlife Area is a 580-acre tract, with a 419 acre lake known as Wolf Lake. The main entrance to the park is at 123rd Street and Avenue "O."

History

Wolf Lake is a natural lake that was separated by dikes into five different sections following dredging. It straddles the Illinois and Indiana state line between 120th and 134th streets, with the road on its east side running parallel to the Indiana state line. If is unclear how the area originally became known as Wolf Lake. Some local residents claim Wolf was an early settler or an Indian chief. Others said that wolves were abundant around the lake years ago, and that the lake itself was in the shape of a wolf. Unfortunately, none of these possibilities could be verified by the Chicago Historical Society.

The property was originally acquired by the State of Illinois in 1947 and was known as the Wolf Lake Conservation Area. In 1965, the Legislature approved changing its name to honor the memory of William W. Powers, a former state legislator, who was well-known for his deep interest in the promotion of recreation for the residents of his district.



Facilities

Picnicking: Just south of the main entrance, parallel to Avenue "O," visitors will find the main picnic area with its ample quantity of tables, stoves and shade trees. Four shelters are available by reservation only.



Fishing: Wolf Lake contains both largemouth and small-mouth bass, walleye, northern pike, bluegill, redear sunfish, crappie, bullhead, carp and yellow perch. About six miles of shoreline is available to bank fishermen.



Boating: Three boat-launching ramps are located north of the main entrance, and 10 HP motors or less are allowed on the lake.

Winter Sports: Ice fishing is permitted when the ice is a proper thickness.

Hunting: Waterfowl hunting is allowed during the fall of the year from authorized blinds, which are allocated at a public drawing during the month of July. Unoccupied blinds are available on a daily basis. Consult the park ranger for information concerning hunting regulations and blind site locations.

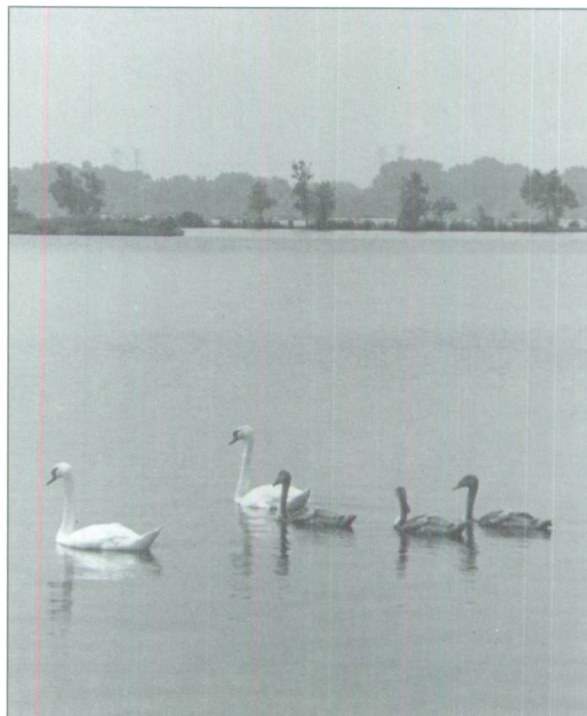
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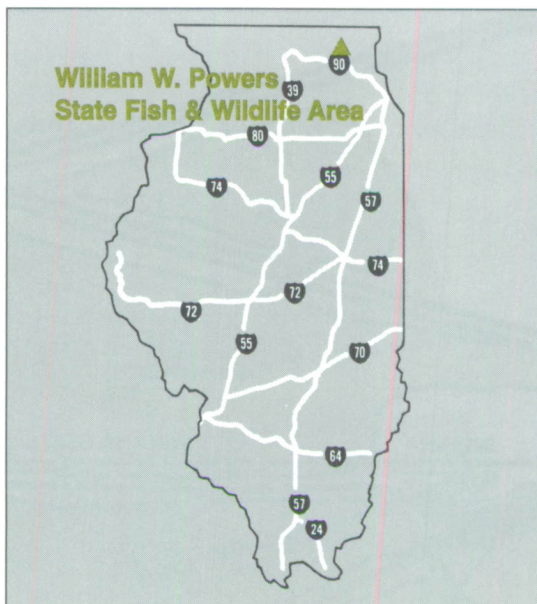
Not Permitted: Camping, swimming and wading. No plants or parts of any tree may be removed or damaged.

Park Hours: 6 a.m. to sunset.

Please: Please help us keep the area clean for the enjoyment of all visitors. Put all litter in the nearest available trash container.

For more information, contact William W. Powers State Fish and Wildlife Area, 12949 S. Avenue "O," Chicago, IL 60633, phone (773) 646-3270.





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- While groups of 25 or more are welcome and encouraged to use the park's facilities, they are required to register in advance with the site office to avoid crowding or scheduling conflicts.
- At least one responsible adult must accompany each group of 15 minors.
- Pets must be kept on leashes at all times.
- Actions by nature can result in closed roads and other facilities. Please call ahead to the park office before you make your trip.
- We hope you enjoy your stay. Remember, take only memories, leave only footprints.
- For more information on state parks, write to the Department of Natural Resources, Clearinghouse, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271, call (217) 782-6302 or visit our website at www.dnr.state.il.us.
- For more information on tourism in Illinois, call the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Bureau of Tourism at 1-800-2CONNECT.
- Hearing-impaired individuals may call the Department of Natural Resources' TTY number, (217) 782-9175, or use the Ameritech Relay Number, 1-800-526-0844.

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